

## FLYING BOAT ABLE TO CARRY 50 MEN

AMERICAN FLYING BOAT SAID TO BE THE LARGEST IN THE WORLD.

### WILL RIVAL OCEAN LINERS

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New York.—Now that censorship has been eliminated, it is possible to reveal details of the American flying boat, the largest in the world. A few weeks ago Lieut. McCullough carried 50 men from the navy station in a flight along the Atlantic coast and which is declared to be one of the first examples of the great craft destined some day to rival the ocean liner and railroad train.

The machine was designed for the navy by Glenn H. Curtiss, and some of its amazing dimensions are as follows: The span of the upper wing from tip to tip is 125 feet; the depth of the wings 12 feet; the gap between the upper and lower planes, 12 feet, and the length from propeller to tail measures 70 feet.

The boat, known as the Curtiss N. C. 1, can carry sufficient gasoline and oil to stay aloft for 13 hours, and can travel at the rate of 80 miles an hour. Despite its tremendous size and weight it can rise to a height of 2,000 feet in 30 minutes. In design the N. C. 1 is similar to the "America," designed by Curtiss for Rodman Wanamaker. Owing to the war the "America" did not achieve its mission, that of traversing the Atlantic.

### THE HERO OF HOMECOMERS

Memphis Boy Makes Three Escapes From German Prison Camps. "Houdini" of Airmen.

New York.—Noisy would be a misnomer in describing the reception accorded to the transport George Washington when she arrived back from Brest, France, loaded with troops. The big ship had taken 19 days to cross the Atlantic and his party aboard, lead 3,798 men of the American expeditionary force on board and steam back here with them.

Lieut. George Puryear, of Memphis, who was attached to the ninety-fifth aero squadron, became known as the "Houdini" of the airmen, returned on the George Washington.

"I imagine I was captured more times and managed to escape oftener than any other man in the army," said Lieut. Puryear. "The first time I dropped on enemy soil I was sent to the camp at Rastatt. After being there several weeks I escaped Aug. 5. I don't want to give details. After getting away I made for the border, traveling in a circuitous route more than 50 miles. I was caught and sent to Karlsruhe. I got away from there and a day later was captured again, and that time was sent to Landschut.

"I escaped from Landschut and was sent that time to Villigen, where I was put in solitary confinement. I knew if I stayed there long I would never live to tell the tale, so I escaped from Villigen. Two other men and myself were the only prisoners who escaped from Villigen. The others were Lieut. Donaldson and Private Frank Sovika."

May Fly To New York.

Paris.—Disarmed German Zeppelins will be converted into aerial merchantmen to ply between New York and Hamburg, according to the Echo de Paris, which says that it has received its information from "reliable sources."

Jewish Homeland Favored.

New York.—The British government's plan to establish a Jewish homeland in Palestine was endorsed by the Jewish Ministers' Association of America and Federation of Orthodox Congregations, which held a convention here.

Waco Banker Passes Away.

Waco, Texas.—W. W. Seley, prominent banker and director of the Texas drought relief commission, died here last week.

Noted Scientist Dead.

Oakland, N. J.—Edward Day Page, scientist and patron of art, died suddenly from heart disease at his home, Byrgeberg. He was a member of 62 scientific societies throughout the world, and recently resigned from the United States ordnance, where he served as a textile expert. He was 62 years old and a graduate of the Sheffield scientific school, Yale.

Chancellor Aged Seventy-Eight.

Orlando, Fla.—Henry Mitchell MacCracken, chancellor emeritus of New York University, died in a hospital here. He was 78 years old. His wife and eldest son, John H. MacCracken, president of Lafayette College, were with him at the time of death.

To Abolish Nobility.

Munich.—The new Wurttemberg government, says a Stuttgart dispatch, proposes to abolish all nobility titles and powers.

## LOCATE FORTY-ONE AMERICAN DIVISIONS

UNITED STATES TROOPS SCATTERED FROM SWITZERLAND TO BELGIUM.

### CHANGES IN COMMANDERS

Secretary Baker Wants Permanent Rank of General For Pershing, Marsh and Bliss—Tennesseans At Lemans.

Washington.—Bestowal of permanent rank of general on John J. Pershing, commander of the American forces in France; Peyton C. March, chief of staff, and Tasker H. Bliss, American military representative at the supreme war council, and a permanent rank of lieutenant general on Hunter Liggett and Robert Bullard, commanding the First and Second American armies, was asked by Secretary Baker in a letter to Chairman Dent of the house military committee.

The exact location of 35 combat divisions and six depot divisions of the American army in France, Germany and Luxembourg, as they were stationed, was announced by the war department. Changes in commanding officers were shown as follows:

First division, Maj. Gen. E. F. McClachin; Third, Gen. Howze; Twenty-sixth, Hale; Thirty-second; Laasster; Thirty-fourth, Rhodes (from Forty-second); Forty-second, Flagler; Eightieth, Sturges; Eighty-sixth, Balbon (from Ninety-second); Ninetieth, Lyon (from Thirty-first); Ninety-second, Martin (from Eighty-sixth).

The Thirty-first, Thirty-eighth, Eighty-fourth and Eighty-seventh divisions are temporarily without regularly detailed commanders.

Following are the locations: First Division—Canach, Luxembourg. Second—Modernach, Luxembourg. Fourth—Hayange, Germany. Fifth—Longuyon, France. Sixth—Ancerville. Seventh—Euvecin. Twenty-sixth—Montigny-le-Roll. Twenty-seventh—Carbie. Twenty-eighth—Heudicourt. Twenty-ninth—Bourbonne-les-Bains. Thirtieth—Lemans.

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Cedric and George Washington Land.

New York.—The United States transport Cedric arrived in port from Liverpool.

The Cedric was followed into port by the transport George Washington, the ship that conveyed President Wilson to France.

Aboard the Cedric were 65 officers, 2,168 enlisted men, four nurses and seven civilians. The troops comprise Winchester casual companies Nos. 1062 (negro), 1065, 1068 and 1067; Liverpool casual companies Nos. 1002 (negro), 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1007; the 32d Aero Squadron and 14 officers and 424 men sick and wounded. Of the latter 74 are bedridden cases, two mental and two tubercular.

The George Washington, which left Brest Dec. 15, had 331 officers and 3,461 men, including the 139th Field Artillery, complete, 63, officers and 1,484 men, Batteries A, B, D, E and headquarters company, 137th Field Artillery, 33 officers and 324 men; 133th Field Artillery, 35 officers; advance school detachment, Eleventh Division, 49 officers and 82 men; sick and wounded 968.

The welcome to the George Washington was perhaps the most enthusiastic the city yet has given.

The big liner had on board 331 officers and 3,461 men, more than half of them members of the "Cyclone Division," made up of Indiana, Kentucky troops.

Paris.—Representatives of several allied powers and the United States will hold a conference in Paris early in the New Year to discuss the future of international aerial navigation, the Echo de Paris announces. Great Britain, Italy, Belgium, France and the United States will be represented at the conference, which will study the questions of how to prevent airplanes of different nationalities from crossing customs barriers and how to prevent postal or commercial airplanes from being transformed into bombing machines within a few minutes.

Opposes Sinking of Hun Ships.

Washington.—It may be stated authoritatively that President Wilson will oppose proposals from any source to sink the warships surrendered by Germany under the terms of the armistice. Since word came from Paris that delegates intended to advocate destruction of the enemy vessels, the subject has been discussed with interest among naval officers. Officials have professed to know nothing about the attitude of the president until now, when it was learned that he viewed the plan as altogether undesirable.

Wife Looks After Menus.

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## I'm Through



## RUSSIA'S LOSSES TOTAL 9,150,000

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Copenhagen.—Russia's war casualties are 9,150,000 men, according to a telegram received here from Petrograd. Of this number 1,700,000 were killed.

The disabled number 1,450,000, while 2,500,000 other soldiers were wounded. The Russians taken prisoners total 2,500,000.

Estimates of the Russian casualties in the war, made last week, by the Russian information bureau director, A. J. Sack, in New York, figured the total at "not less than 8,000,000 men, of whom 3,000,000 were killed and about 1,000,000 disabled for life."

Figures compiled by the Cologne Gazette placed the total German casualties at more than 6,000,000. Of this number, it was estimated that about 2,000,000 were killed.

The French soldiers killed in the war, according to a statement made in the French chamber of deputies, on Dec. 20, by Lucien Violin, a socialist deputy, numbered 1,400,000.

Italy lost 500,000 men killed or died of wounds. A statement to this effect was made in Paris by Salvatore Barzilai, a former member of the Italian cabinet, who accompanied King Victor Emmanuel on his visit to the French capital.

The British army official losses in killed total 658,704.

### HONOR WRIGHT AND LAFAYETTE.

Ceremonies at Laying of Foundation Stone of Wright Monument.

Lemans, France.—The names of Lafayette and Wilbur Wright were joined by former Premier Painleve, who spoke at the ceremonies incident to the spoke at the ceremonies incident to the Wilbur Wright monument here. This was because Lafayette was a deputy of the department of Sarthe, of which Lemans is the chief town, from 1812 to 1822, and three eminent French aviators, Fonck, Hurteau and Nungesser, were natives of this department. After sketching the lives of the Wright brothers, M. Painleve said:

"Let us honor Wilbur Wright's memory, first as a good worker for human progress; second, because he brought to France the aid of his genius. Let his memory be joined with those, his young fellow citizens, who spontaneously brought their heroism to our aviation service."

### HUNS RETURN MONEY.

Six Billion Dollars Stolen From France Is Sent Back.

Paris.—The Germans have returned stocks taken from the banks in Northern France amounting approximately to 6,000,000,000 francs.

Several safes, weighing from five to seven tons each, which the Germans did not open, and are now in Brussels, will be brought back to Valenciennes.

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## HOOVER REPORTS ON WAR DAMAGES

180,000 TONS OF SUPPLIES MUST BE SHIPPED FROM U. S. MONTHLY.

Washington.—Physical damage wrought in Belgium by the German armies is described in a cablegram received by the food administration from Herbert Hoover, who, with William B. Poland, European director of the commission for relief in Belgium, has just completed a survey of conditions in this liberated country.

On the basis of Mr. Hoover's report, the food administration announced that thereafter 180,000 tons of supplies, including clothing, would be shipped to Belgium each month. As this program will require 160,000 dead-weight tons of shipping, in addition to the 340,000 tons now on charter to the relief commission, application for additional tonnage has been made to the shipping board.

The cost of the entire relief program will be borne by the Belgian and French governments, from loans made by the American government. France's part of the expense will be for supplying the people of Northern France, as well as several hundred thousand refugees who were forced from that section into Belgium during the retreat of the German forces.

MANGIN PRAISES AMERICANS.

Generals Ignorant of Part the Yanks Would Have Played.

With the American Army of Occupation—Gen. Mangin says it is doubtful if the Germans yet realized the enormous part the Americans would have played in the war had they been given the opportunity. To the American correspondents, whom he invited to a pre-Christmas luncheon at his headquarters at Mayence, Gen. Mangin praised the work of the Americans, especially those divisions which had fought under him.

The general pointed out how the Germans were now fighting to win the favor of the foe from across the sea, saying that their propagandists were picturing President Wilson in the blindest tones, instead of declaring that he was attempting "to run the world," as they had previously done.

### PERSHING AT COBLENZ.

Makes First Inspection of Army of Occupation.

With the Army of Occupation—"Blackjack" Pershing slept in the historic castle at Newwied on the Rhine, and held his first inspection of the army of occupation since it took up the watch on the Rhine. All of the troops made an excellent showing and Gen. Pershing was visibly pleased. He went all over the Coblenz bridgehead.

Gen. Pershing made the trip from Treves to Coblenz by automobile. In the evening he received the American war correspondents and had dinner with them in a private train at the station.

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## FIRST "PEACE" CHRISTMAS

World At Peace For First Christmas Since 1913—Soldiers and Sailors Take Part.

Washington.—America celebrated a victory Christmas.

With the world at peace for the first Christmas since 1913, because of the victories of the military forces of the United States and the allies, the American people appeared determined to make the celebration memorable. This determination seemed to have been intensified by President Wilson's Christmas message to the American people, saying that "throughout the great nations with which we have been associated in this war, public opinion strongly sustains all proposals for a just and lasting peace."

A return to the merry Christmas of former years was apparent throughout the nation. Business reviews showed that, despite the uncertainties of reconstruction, the old spirit of giving, accompanied by good will toward men, had been revived.

In the celebration of the victory Christmas the soldiers and sailors who made such a Christmas possible had a large part. Though a large part of the military force of the nation remained overseas, those who have returned were given a welcome in every community and had a large part in the day's celebration.

For the first time in the nation's history, Christmas was not observed at the White House. President Wilson, in France for the peace conference, spent the day with the American troops at the front. Members of the cabinet and of Congress spent the day with their families.

### MAGNOLIA BRINGS 4736 MEN

Soldiers Land At Hoboken and Are Then Transported To Camp Mills For Demobilization.

New York.—The United States transport Mongolia, with 148 officers and 4,736 enlisted men on board, arrived here from Brest. After a reception by the mayor's welcoming committee, punctuated by the din of whistles and sirens on other craft in the harbor, the soldiers were landed at Hoboken and transported to Camp Mills for demobilization.

Among the units arriving on the Mongolia were the 138th field artillery, 34 officers and 1,095 men; headquarters company 40th coast artillery, one officer and 56 men; 73rd coast artillery, 40 officers and 1,419 men; 74th coast artillery, 43 officers and 1,127 men.

In addition there were 735 wounded and sick, none requiring special attention; 30 casual officers and 156 casual enlisted men; 15 Young Men's Christian association workers; five Red Cross workers, five nurses and nine civilians.

The Mongolia, which is credited with having been the first American ship to sink a German submarine, was commanded by Capt. Emory Rice, U. S. N. R., who was its commander when the submarine was sunk.

The troops on board were under the command of Brig-Gen. Richard Coulter, Jr., of Greensburg, Pa., who went overseas in command of the 51st infantry brigade.

Col. Robert J. McBryde, a Louisville newspaper editor, and Maj. Frederick Cook, former news editor of the Washington Times, were among the officers who arrived on the Mongolia.

### NATIONAL BANK RESOURCES

New High Record Reported—Increase of \$1,777,799,000 Over Total Shown August 31.

Washington.—Resources of the national banks of the country, the date of the last call, aggregated \$19,821,404,000, Comptroller of the Currency Williams announces. This not only was a new high record, but was an increase of \$1,777,799,000 over the total shown by the last call last Aug. 31.

The resources of the national banks of the United States, Mr. Williams said, exceeded the combined aggregated resources of the national banks of issue of England, the dominion of Canada, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Japan and Germany, as shown by their latest available reports.

Mr. Williams also said that the national banks' resources were only one billion dollars less than the combined resources of all state and other banks and trust companies in the country, as shown by their reports of June, 1917, and that in the past five years the growth of resources of the national institutions had been greater than the increase which took place in the preceding 25 years.

During the present year, the comptroller's report said, only one national bank in the entire country had failed, that being a small institution in California. This was declared to be the best record since 1870.

### BANDITS HOLD UP ELEVEN.

Cleveland, O.—While scores of police and American Protective League operatives, armed with rifles, toured the city in automobiles in an effort to check the wave of highway robberies and other crimes sweeping Cleveland, two bandits entered the saloon of the United States distributing company, held up 11 men inside, robbed the cash drawer of \$60, and escaped, after shooting the bartender and another man who attempted to attack them. The wounded men will recover.

## OLD PRESCRIPTION FOR WEAK KIDNEYS

Have you ever stopped to reason why it is that so many products that are extensively advertised, all at once drop out of sight and are soon forgotten? The reason is plain—the article did not fulfill the promises of the manufacturer. This applies more particularly to a medicine. A medicinal preparation that has real curative value almost sells itself, as like an endless chain system the remedy is recommended to those who have been benefited, to those who are in need of it.

A prominent druggist says, "Take for example Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, a preparation I have sold for many years and never hesitate to recommend, for in almost every case it shows excellent results, as many of my customers testify. No other kidney remedy that I know of has so large a sale."

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